

## Just a drill

Local youngsters got a crash course in emergency services Saturday at Milton Mall. Halton paramedic David Reeves (above) shows Lisa Tuff, 7, some of the equipment aboard his ambulance as mom Deborah looks on while (at left) two younger volunteers display a small toy version of full-scale emergency resources.

Photos by Graham Paine

# Wurr wants to see his relatives before he loses sight to disease

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"At the time we adopted him, we were given hardly any information but now adopting couples can find out non-identifying details about the mother," explained Mrs. Wurr.

Other details have been uncovered with the help of Parent Finders of Guelph. Through interviews with longtime residents of Campbellville — where his mother once lived — one of the agency's investigators has found the woman worked at Mohawk Raceway with her boyfriend, a United States citizen and groomer at the popular horse racing track.

She came from a large family of nine or 10 children. The investigator also suspect's Warren could be Donny's real last name. He was born James Warren and at the time it was common for adopted children to take their parents last names as middle names prior to being given up.

Investigations have otherwise revealed little about his mother's whereabouts.

Research of old voting lists or directories at Milton and Georgetown public libraries has turned up no information in this area.

"It would be so nice for him to be able to meet and see anyone in his birth family while he is still able to see. Losing your sight is tragic enough but as a young

man knowing that you may lose your sight before ever seeing your biological relatives sure must make the world seem bleak," said the investigator, who requested anonymity.

Donny said he'll continue his search for as long as it takes to find at least one member of his birth family.

"The first thing I'd ask my birth mother is why she gave me up. As for my brothers, I'd just like to meet them and find out how they're doing."

While equipped with only sketchy details, Donny has Wurr family luck in his corner. Both Judith and sister Sherry found their real mothers years ago.

"The situations surrounding these other cases were much different, however," Mrs. Wurr said. "In my case, my aunt adopted me and told me later on while I knew Sherry's mother before she was even born. "Donny says he can't ever give up though, adding that somewhere, someday he may stumble on a clue that completes the puzzle.

"Everyday he wakes up and says 'Today might be the day, mom'. The search has become very important to him."

The Wurr family welcomes any help with information regarding Donny's birth mother. Those with any details are asked to phone Judith Wurr at 1(519) 763-1649.

## Hope to raise \$2 million

# Carnations for MS this week

For three days beginning Thursday, May 8 volunteers across Ontario will offer carnations in return for donations that support research into Multiple Sclerosis and services for those fighting the disease.

Volunteers will be located in malls, office towers, public transit

stations and on street corners.

Research has provided some results. In 1995 a type of beta interferon was approved for relapsing-remitting MS that was shown to reduce the frequency and severity of attacks.

MS attacks the central nervous system causing numbness, loss of

balance, extreme fatigue and paralysis. Its cause is unknown, cure undiscovered and course unpredictable.

The MS Society expects to raise about \$2 million from the campaign, which has managed to collect \$27 million since its inception in 1976.

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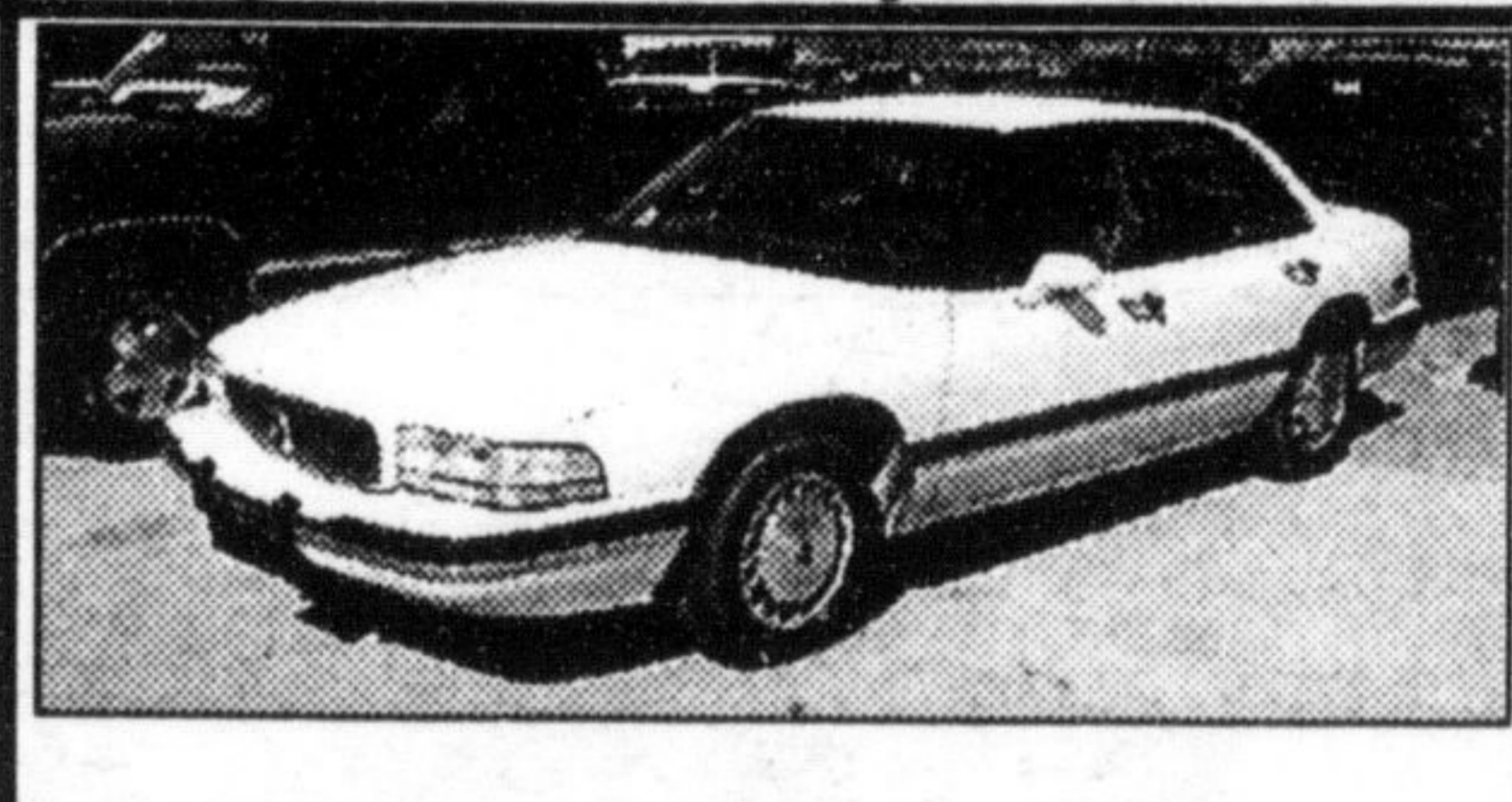
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